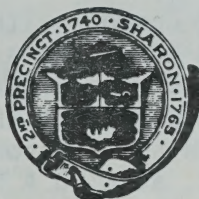




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FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1982 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1983

**TOWN OF SHARON
MASSACHUSETTS****TOWN ELECTION**

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 1982

8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

OPEN WARRANT MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 1982 - 7:30 P.M.

TOWN OFFICE BUILDING

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1982 - 8:00 P.M.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk ss.

To either Constable of the Town of Sharon, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the High School Gymnasium on Pond Street in said Sharon on Monday, the fifth day of April, A.D. 1982, at 8:00 A.M., and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers as by Law are required to be elected by ballot, and on the ballot prepared by the Town Clerk, to wit: Moderator, One Year Term; One Member of the Board of Selectmen, Three Year Term; One Member of the Board of Assessors, Three Year Term; Two Members of the School Committee, Three Year Terms; Two Trustees of the Public Library, Three Year Terms; One Member of the Planning Board, Five Year Term; One Member of the Housing Authority, Five Year Term; and to determine any questions as by law are required to be determined by ballot, to wit:

Question No. 1

Do you approve of the sale of the Wollaston Recreational Facility, also known as the Wollaston Golf Course in Norfolk County by the County Commissioners?

Yes/ ☐ /

No/ ☐ /

REPORT OF THE WARRANT COMMITTEE

INTRODUCTION:

The budget for fiscal year 1983 again represents the culmination of a great deal of cooperative effort among all departments. The Budget Definition Committee determined that \$9,816,000. would be available for operating budgets for Fiscal Year 1983. Proposition 2½ sets a limit of 2½% maximum to be spent on Town expenses this year, as was done last year. The Priorities Committee again decided to allocate funds to each major budget group (Schools, Selectmen, Warrant Committee) based on the average percentage actually spent for the three prior fiscal years. Water Department expenses were removed since the Water Department is now self-supporting. The Schools were allocated 70.5% (\$6,923,812.), Selectmen 25.7% (\$2,519,180.), Warrant Committee 3.8% (\$373,008.).

Proposition 2½ defines the tax rate, and, therefore, the number of dollars the Town can spend. The total tax rate may not exceed 2½% of the aggregate property valuation of the Town. This year Sharon will be allowed to increase its tax levy 102.5% of last year's tax levy, plus a dollar amount for anything designated as growth (previously unassessed) over last year's tax base. The tax rate can at no time exceed \$25. without a vote of the Town. Thus, one's tax bill generally will not increase in excess of 2½% per year regardless of the increased valuation of the underlying property.

The Warrant Committee recognizes that the prior mechanistic approach for allocating monies to the Town's budgets does not address the needs of the various budgetary groups in a fair and impartial manner. It does not permit the flexibility to fully meet the requirements of the Town and flow monies into those areas where maintaining services is of the absolute highest priority. We are hopeful that this current inflexibility and inequity can be resolved in the near future.

Reductions this year have been concentrated on personnel and services since the majority of expenditures now exist in these areas only. For example, the Police Department did not fund vacation or sick fill in. Neither were replacement cruisers funded. A firefighter was funded for only 1/4 of the year. The public health nurse has been funded, but the secretary in the Health Department has not. Gasoline in the Department of Public Works budget has been reduced below a functional limit. Recreation has been reduced eliminating some summer staff, maintenance and equipment. The Public Library account for books has been reduced to an unrealistic level. There is less road maintenance. In-state travel has been severely restricted, while out-of-state travel has been eliminated. A position in the Treasurer's office has had to be eliminated. Even though the benefits are very obvious to us, a request for a full time Assessor has been denied. The School Department indicates it is considering elimination of school librarians and reduction in contracted services in various areas, along with reductions in transportation services.

It is hoped that the state will provide additional state revenue monies to help restore some, if not all, of the aforementioned cuts to the budget. The Warrant Committee has developed a prioritized buy back list, and we hope both the Selectmen and School Committee will have their's available shortly to restore funds as they become available.

One of the most serious effects of Proposition 2½ has been the virtual elimination of any capital expenditures needed to maintain and upgrade the Town's inventory of buildings and equipment. Near term (Fiscal Years 1983-85) capital expenditures for the Town exceed \$650,000. while those for the School exceed \$275,000. for Fiscal Years 1983-87.

The budgets as presented represent the best efforts by many people to provide the most essential services. It is most important to note that any increase in a budget must be met with a corresponding decrease in another budget. Thus, any increase to restore specific cuts in one area will negatively impact other areas.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all department heads, the Selectmen, School Committee, and the Executive Secretary, Ben Puritz, for the cooperation given the Warrant Committee.

Charles A. Reingold, Chairman
Sydney W. Falk, Vice-Chairman
Robert E. Sondheim, Clerk
Ralph H. Hall
Deborah D. Kaplan
Paul E. Sturdevant
Edward Walper
Lee B. Wernick
Alan Wolpin
Patricia A. Zlotin
Robert N. Zuckerman

BUDGET COMPARISONS

	<u>1981-82</u>	<u>1982-83</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Per Cent Change</u>
General Government	382,196.	405,945.	+23,749.	+6.2
Public Safety	1,200,353.	1,226,550.	+26,197.	+2.2
Health	127,620.	120,050.	-7,570.	-5.9
Public Works	1,041,018.	1,078,778.	+37,760.	+3.6
Recreation	164,014.	164,452.	+438.	+0.3
Unclassified	522,740.	572,993.	+50,203.	+9.6
Public Library (NET)	162,893.	167,853.	+4,960.	+3.1
Education	7,053,924.	7,031,562.	-22,362.	-.3
Pensions	318,007.	345,000.	+26,993.	+8.5
Debt/Interest	835,849.	729,031.	-106,818.	-12.8
Totals	11,808,614.	11,842,214.	33,600.	+0.28

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk, ss.

To either Constable of the Town of Sharon, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium at the Sharon High School on Pond Street in said Sharon on Monday, the 5th day of April, A.D., 1982, at 8:00 P.M., and there to act on the following article:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transferring from available funds a sum of money for additional salaries, wages, and supplementary benefits for employees of the Police Department for the current fiscal year, July 1, 1981 through June 30, 1982, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend approval of this Article. The contract as voted includes a salary increase of 6.25% for one year. The contract builds in some prerogatives which allow the Police Chief and the Selectmen more flexibility in managing the department now and in the future. Vote: 8-0

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies of the same in accordance with the Town By-Laws.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 25th day of February, A.D. 1982.

COLLEEN M. TUCK, Chairman

MICHAEL L. COOK

NORMAN KATZ

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SHARON, MASSACHUSETTS

Attest: ALBERT R. HORAN, Constable
Sharon, Massachusetts
February 25, 1982

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk ss.

To either Constable of the Town of Sharon Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium, Sharon High School, Pond Street, on Monday, April 12, 1982, at 8:00 P.M., and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 2. To choose four members of the Warrant Committee for three year terms and to fill any vacancies on said Committee.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3. To act upon the reports as printed and to hear any other reports, and to act thereon.

Board of Selectmen

- ARTICLE 4. A. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Compensation By-Law by striking out all Classification Schedules and Pay Schedules to Title VIII and substituting as new Classification and new Pay Schedules as of July 1, 1982 and other effective dates where applicable the revised schedules previously published and distributed at this meeting.
- B. To adopt a new Personnel Compensation By-Law entitled "The Personnel Compensation By-Law of 1982" as previously published and distributed at this meeting.

Personnel Board

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting. Insufficient information is available to make a recommendation at this time, since no recommendation has been received from the Personnel Board.

ARTICLE 5. To fix the compensation of elected officers, provide for a Reserve Fund, and to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from General Revenue Sharing Funds, and other available funds, to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1982.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption of the various sums listed for 1982-83 in the recapitulation of Article 5.

ARTICLE 6. To hear the records of the Donors to the Sharon Friends School Fund, and to choose Trustees of the School Funds and other officers not on the official ballot.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1982, in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption of this routine Article which authorizes the Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of tax revenue. Vote: 9-0

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the State Aid to Public Libraries reserved for Appropriations Account to the Public Library Account, or act in any way relating thereto.

Town Accountant

We recommend adoption of this Article and the transfer of \$6,800. from the State Aid to Public Libraries Account. This action is required by statute to accomplish this transfer of funds from the state to the Library budget. Vote: 9-0

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to continue the present Adult Education Program, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

School Committee

We recommend indefinite postponement of this Article. The School Committee has advised us that the Adult Education Program will be self-supporting and will require no additional funds. Vote: 9-0

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be used in conjunction with and in addition to any funds allotted or to be allotted by the state or county, or both, for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of Town roads, and further to authorize the Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditures of appropriated Town funds in conjunction with any funds so allotted by the state or county, or both, for the construction and improvement of Town roads, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption of this routine Article which authorizes the Town to appropriate or transfer from available funds \$13,000. in order to receive state highway appropriations. Vote: 9-0

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be added to the special fund established to reimburse the Massachusetts Division of Employment Security for the actual cost of benefits paid to former Town employees and chargeable to the Town, and determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by a combination thereof, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption of this Article and that the amount of \$40,000. be funded to cover a number of layoffs. It is very difficult to determine the amount needed since the actual number of layoffs has not been finalized. We also have no way of anticipating how many of the laid off personnel will be employed elsewhere prior to expiration of unemployment benefits in May, 1983. Vote: 7-0

ARTICLE 12. To determine whether the Town will by conveyance, or otherwise, make the Pleasant Street School land and building available to the Sharon Housing Authority for public sponsored housing purposes, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen
Housing Authority

While we strongly support the concept of low income and handicapped housing, we do not favor this plan as presented.

Any public housing plan must be formulated carefully and with input from many quarters, including the residents in the area and professionals in the field. The Sharon Housing Authority has not held sufficient hearings into this matter due to the late vote by the School Committee to make the Pleasant Street School property available. The Housing Authority has not had sufficient time to listen to the perceived problems the residents foresee, nor to the apparently knowledgeable people who have offered insight into site selection for such housing.

Sociological research appears to show that Housing Authorities should avoid concentration of low income units and aim for a more diversified mix within public housing or plan for smaller living units of one to two families per facility. We feel this concept should be more thoroughly explored before proceeding with any plan for such housing.

We are also concerned about the potential cost of the project proposed for this building. A full cost estimate has not as yet been done, but rough estimates range from \$60,000. upwards per unit to convert the building into five apartments or a total minimum cost of \$300,000. Although this money is part of a grant from the state and would not be raised on our property taxes, we should still be concerned with assuring that money is spent effectively and at the lowest cost/benefit ratio possible. As presented, it was not obvious to us that this project could be completed for the amount of the grant, in which case either

Sharon taxpayers would have to pay to complete it, some portions of the plan might go unfinished, or more state funds would have to be sought.

All in all, we recommend that the Sharon Housing Authority restudy its plans, develop alternatives and bring a proposed project back with cost estimates and sociological impacts at a future date. Vote: 7-1

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer and convey for consideration a parcel of land containing approximately 2.2 acres, together with the buildings thereon, located on Cedar Street, Sharon, a more particular description of which appears in a deed dated December 26, 1974 from the Order of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart of New England, Inc., to the Town, recorded in Norfolk Deeds, Book 5099, Page 168, and shown as Parcel F on a plan entitled "Plot Plan of Sacred Heart Property, Sharon, Mass., dated June 1973, prepared by Henry L. Munson, P.E., Town Engineer", or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend indefinite postponement, only because the Sacred Heart Conversion Committee has not yet been able to complete its work. However, progress is being made, and there is reason for optimism that the Town will have an opportunity to vote on a specific proposal within a few months. If success does not attend these efforts, the Warrant Committee will consider again seriously recommending a prompt razing of this building, which to date and for many years has been a white elephant, costing the Town considerable money for maintenance.

Vote: 9-0

ARTICLE 14. To see whether the Town, under and pursuant to authority granted in General Laws, Chapter 40-D, Section 21 (g), as amended, will authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract with the owner or operator of solid waste disposal facilities to be established in the Town of Plainville for the disposal of refuse, garbage and waste, and for the use of recovered energy and materials resulting from the operation of such facilities, which contract will:

1. Be for a term of twenty years or less.
2. Include provisions for the delivery of minimum amounts of refuse, garbage and waste, and payments for the use of the facilities to be based thereon.
3. Provide for unit prices which will be graduated and for adjustments thereof, and for the use of steam, electricity and recovered materials resulting from the use of the facilities, and for credits or payments to the Town resulting therefrom.
4. Allow the use by the Town or other municipalities or

private parties of the uncommitted capacity of such facilities.

5. Contain other provisions incidental and related to the foregoing general matters.
6. Be generally in the form of proposed contract negotiated by representatives of the member communities of the 128 West Resource Recovery Council with such changes therein as may be negotiated by said Council and approved by said Board of Selectmen.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend indefinite postponement. The concept of a facility to burn trash and produce energy is an exciting one. Presently, it is estimated that our landfill site on Mountain Street has only approximately three years left before we must find an alternative site. The Plainville Solid Waste Disposal Proposal is an excellent alternative to the almost impossible task of finding an additional site for a landfill here in Sharon, and it is ecologically sounder than a dump. Our concerns are that we have too little financial data to assess the cost to Sharon, and thus weigh the alternatives. We hope that the facility can provide the Solid Waste Disposal Study Committee with some figures very soon so that we can proceed. It is not imperative that we indicate approval immediately as the builder/operator of the plant does not need our final decision until later in the year, but we would like the Selectmen to send a letter of interest to show our support.

Vote: 8-0

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the amount of \$29,698.30 for land acquired during the fiscal year, indicated on the Town of Sharon Conservation Commission "Plan Showing Green Areas", dated February, 1967, and as amended January, 1971, in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, and that the Conservation Commission be authorized to apply or contract for state and federal aid, or both, or act in any way relating thereto.

Conservation Commission

We recommend indefinite postponement since there are no funds available with which to fund this Article. We suggest the Priority Committee consider this item should monies become available to the town.

Vote: 7-0

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 23, Section 5, of the General By-Laws by adding to the end thereof the following two sentences, or act in any way relating thereto:

"The Sharon Conservation Commission shall hear any oral presentation under this By-Law at the same public hearing required to be held under the provisions of said Chapter 131, Section 40, of the Massachusetts General Laws. Definitions,

time frames, and procedures, insofar as applicable, set forth in said chapter and section and in the regulations promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering on July 28, 1978 are hereby made a part of this By-Law".

Conservation Commission

We recommend approval of this Article. The intent is to allow the Town of Sharon, as a matter of home rule, to retain greater local control over hearings involving wetlands rather than abandoning said control to the state. Vote: 7-0

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to change Article 1, Section 2, of the Town By-Laws to read as follows:

"Every town meeting shall be notified by posting attested copies of the Warrant, calling the same, at ten places within the town, one of which shall be the post office, at least fourteen days before the day appointed for the annual meeting or any special meeting of the town. The Town Clerk shall mail, or otherwise deliver, copies of the Town Warrant to every residence at least seven days before each meeting of the town."

Board of Selectmen

We recommend approval of this Article, which brings into agreement the number of days prior to a town meeting that the Town Clerk must mail or deliver the warrant articles and the Warrant Committee's recommendations on the articles. It also unifies the number of places in which a town meeting and adjourned sessions thereof must be posted.

Vote: 7-0

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Selectmen to petition the General Court for the enactment of a special law exempting the Town from the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 48, Section 57-G, the so-called Chief's Ratio Law, and each year hereafter until such special law is enacted, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen Warrant Committee Personnel Board

We recommend adoption of this Article. The salary of the Chief of Police is not fully determined by the Town. A state law mandates a percentage over the base of the highest paid patrolman and also gives educational incentives. The Warrant Committee, Board of Selectmen, and Personnel Board all concur that the Town should have control over all salaries within the Town. This Article seeks to allow the Town to seek a special legislative act to exempt the Town from the "Chief's Ratio Law" and thus exert local control. If the legislature acts favorably on the Town's petition, the voters of Sharon must ratify any change from current procedure before the Ratio Act would no longer apply. Vote: 8-0

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer and convey for consideration the following parcel of land:

On Valley Road adjacent to Lot #23A and containing 3000 square feet, more or less, identified as Sylvan Road (private way) on page 369 of Plan Book 2780, 1948.

Paul Vitali

We recommend no action. The petitioner has withdrawn without prejudice.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by inserting the following as the final paragraph of Section 4322, or act in any way relating thereto:

"Where such an increase in the number of lots is proposed, the total area of 'Open Land' within the subdivision shall equal or exceed the sum of the areas by which individual lots are reduced below 40,000 square feet in the Rural 1 District or below 60,000 square feet in the Rural 2 District, and shall comprise at least 25% of the total area of the subdivision.

Planning Board

We recommend approval of this Article. It is a clarification and re-statement of existing rules. Vote: 8-0

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Merchant Street easterly from General Edwards Highway a distance of 695.72 feet, more or less, to its terminus as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Planning Board

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting. There is insufficient data to justify any recommendation, especially one which may cause additional responsibility to be assumed by the Town. Vote: 9-0

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Bishop Road northerly from the end of the present acceptance a distance of 350 feet, more or less, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Planning Board

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting. There is insufficient data to justify any recommendation, especially one which may cause additional responsibility to be assumed by the Town. Vote: 9-0

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Montaup Road northerly from Blair Circle a distance of 399 feet, more or less, to its terminus as laid out by the Selectmen,

and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Planning Board

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting. There is insufficient data to justify any recommendation, especially one which may cause additional responsibility to be assumed by the Town. Vote: 9-0

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Plimpton Road southerly from Blair Circle a distance of 473 feet, more or less, to its terminus as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Planning Board

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting. There is insufficient data to justify any recommendation, especially one which may cause additional responsibility to be assumed by the Town. Vote: 9-0

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Blair Circle northerly from South Walpole Street a distance of 1,814.21 feet, more or less, to South Walpole Street in the vicinity of the Sharon-Walpole town line, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Planning Board

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting. There is insufficient data to justify any recommendation, especially one which may cause additional responsibility to be assumed by the Town. Vote: 9-0

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Pondview Circle northerly from Cheryl Drive a distance of 625 feet, more or less, to its terminus, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Planning Board

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting. There is insufficient data to justify any recommendation, especially one which may cause additional responsibility to be assumed by the Town. Vote: 9-0

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Gaines Road southerly from Cheryl Drive a distance of 203 feet, more or less, to the present acceptance of Gaines Road as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Planning Board

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting. There is insufficient data to justify any recommendation, especially one which may cause addition-

al responsibility to be assumed by the Town. Vote: 9-0

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Cheryl Drive westerly from North Main Street a distance of 1,153.61 feet, more or less, to the present acceptance of Cheryl Drive as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Planning Board

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting. There is insufficient data to justify any recommendation, especially one which may cause additional responsibility to be assumed by the Town. Vote: 9-0

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Eisenhower Drive easterly from the cul-de-sac a distance of 1,944.83 feet, more or less, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Planning Board

Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting. There is insufficient data to justify any recommendation, especially one which may cause additional responsibility to be assumed by the Town. Vote: 9-0

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in 1981 the Massachusetts State Legislature and a 72% majority of voters in the City of Boston called upon the United States congress to enact a Jobs With Peace budget; and

WHEREAS, a 1980 United States Bureau of Labor Statistics study shows that military spending is the least efficient federal activity in terms of employment, creating only 75,710 jobs for every billion dollars spent in the military sector as compared with 92,071 jobs for the same amount spent on mass transit, 100,072 jobs in construction, 138,939 jobs in health care, and 187,299 jobs in education; and

WHEREAS, military spending is one of the most inflationary of all federal activities because it adds to aggregate demand without increasing the supply of privately consumable goods; and

WHEREAS, the federal budget cuts in combination with Massachusetts Proposition 2½ have resulted in reduced services in the Town of Sharon; and

WHEREAS, many experts believe that continued increased spending on new military programs will not enhance national security but will instead escalate an arms race which increases the likelihood of nuclear war;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town of Sharon be put on record as favoring a federal Jobs With Peace budget. Specifically, the United States congress should make more federal funds available for local jobs and programs-- in quality education, public transportation, energy-efficient housing, improved health care, and other essential services--by reducing the amount of our tax dollars spent on nuclear weapons and programs of foreign military intervention.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this resolution to the president of the United States, the presiding officer of each branch of congress, Senators Kennedy and Tsongas, and Representative Margaret Heckler.

Sharon Committee for a
Nuclear Weapons Freeze

We feel this Article concerns a matter of personal conscience. As such, the Warrant Committee does not presume to suggest how the citizens of the Town of Sharon vote on this resolution.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, nuclear war, even a "limited" one, would result in death, injury and disease on a scale that has no precedent in the history of human existence; and further

WHEREAS, the United States and the Soviet Union have approximate parity with a total of about 50,000 warheads, enough to destroy every city and town in the northern hemisphere;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the residents of the Town of Sharon, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, call upon the United States and the Soviet Union to immediately and jointly stop the nuclear arms race. Specifically, they should adopt an immediate mutual freeze on all further testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons and of missiles and new aircraft designed primarily to deliver nuclear weapons.

Sharon Committee for a
Nuclear Weapons Freeze

As for Article 30, the Warrant Committee feels that a recommendation on this resolution is not within its purview.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies of the same in accordance with the Town By-Laws.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 25th day of February, A.D. 1982.

COLLEEN M. TUCK, Chairman

MICHAEL L. COOK

NORMAN KATZ

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SHARON, MASSACHUSETTS

Attest: ALBERT R. HORAN, Constable

Sharon, Massachusetts

February 25, 1982

RESERVE FUND - TRANSFERS

The Reserve Fund is in reality the Town contingency fund, since individual department budgets do not contain one. Therefore, when extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures occur, or when costs unavoidably run higher than budgeted, the various departments seek the funds from the Reserve Fund. It is the responsibility of the Warrant Committee to approve or disapprove such requests to draw on this Fund. For 1980-81 the Reserve Fund was set at \$140,000.

Of the \$140,000. Reserve Fund, \$111,325. was used for transfers, including:

Interest.....	\$ 28,780.
Treasurer/Collector.....	20,929.
Street Lighting.....	20,000.
Parks, Recreation, Community Center.	9,445.
Sacred Heart Building.....	9,067.
Assessors.....	8,458.
Health.....	7,000.
Elections and Registration.....	2,393.
Police.....	2,000.
Development and Industrial Comm....	1,500.
Vocational Tuition.....	1,058.
High Street Building.....	<u>695.</u>

\$ 111,325.

The balance of \$28,675. was returned to the Town Overlay Reserve Fund from which it had originally been appropriated.

The Warrant Committee recommends that the Reserve Fund appropriation for 1982-83 be set at \$150,000.

OVERLAY

The Overlay is the amount raised by the Assessors for the purpose of creating a fund to cover abatements granted.

OVERLAY RESERVE

This is the accumulated amount of the Overlay not used or required to be held in the Overlay Account as a reserve for contingent claims. These released funds may be used by the Town Meeting to finance its Reserve Fund (funds used for "extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures") or some of the Special Articles.

Below is a comparison of the amounts available from the Overlay Reserve Account for the last eight fiscal years.

1975-76.....	\$ 246,257.
1976-77.....	40,000.
1977-78.....	199,000.
1978-79.....	196,000.
1979-80.....	216,000.
1980-81.....	155,000.
1981-82.....	204,214.
1982-83.....	150,000. (Estimate)

EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY FUND

Two sources contribute to the Excess and Deficiency Fund. Any part of past appropriations (either for department budgets or for special articles) which is not expended and not carried over (in the case of special articles), is transferred to this Fund. All money collected by the Town from sources other than Real Estate or Personal Property taxes, in excess of the amounts used by the Assessors as Estimated Receipts in their prior Tax Rate calculation, is added to this Fund.

FREE CASH

At the beginning of each fiscal year, the Commonwealth's Director of Accounts certifies a sum of money as "free cash" after combining the previously unused "free cash" with the Excess and Deficiency Fund and making appropriate deductions. This new sum is thereby made available for appropriations at Town Meeting. (The term "free" means only that this money may be appropriated free of the special restrictions associated with other Town funds.)

The record of recent years, as to availability and expenditures of "free cash" is listed below:

	<u>Available</u>	<u>Expended</u>
1973 (12 months)	\$ 278,054.	\$ 128,054.
1974 (6 months)	204,674.	158,275.
1974-75	73,015.	27,629.
1975-76	692,043.	676,982.
1976-77	64,336.	109,047.*
1977-78	194,163.	230,146.*
1978-79	308,398.	132,592.**
1979-80	535,141.	228,650.**
1980-81	731,491.	225,692.**
1981-82	224,513.	45,240.**

There is an additional amount of free cash, estimated to be approximately \$310,000. which may be used at the Town Meetings. This is certified by the Town Accountant and represents collections made in the first nine months of the current fiscal year of Real Estate and Personal Property taxes due for prior years. This nine months of collections has been available only in the last few years since the re-organization of the fiscal year.

The Warrant Committee is recommending all available free cash be utilized this year to help offset the loss of other revenues. Additional free cash will be available on July 1, 1982.

* Included a portion of the additional amount certified by the Town Accountant on the basis of the program described above.

** At Special Town Meetings preceding Annual Town Meeting.

WARRANT COMMITTEE ESTIMATE

TAX RATE CALCULATION

	<u>1981-82 Tax Rate</u>	<u>1982-83 Estimates</u>
RECEIPTS		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	357	360
Other Local Receipts	1,116	991
Federal Revenue Sharing	228	190
State Reimbursements (Net)	2,536	2,536
Free Cash	651	535
Overlay Reserve and Other	<u>176</u>	<u>150</u>
Total Receipts	5,064	4,762
EXPENSES		
Town Operating Budgets	12,422	12,407
Overlay Reserve	197	300
State and County Assessments	571	519
Special Articles	<u>184</u>	<u>54</u>
Total Expenses	13,374	13,280
Difference equals amount to be raised on property tax	8,310	8,518
Total Property Valuation	328,463	340,700
Tax Rate	25.30	25.00

ARTICLE FIVE RECAPITULATION

*Items marked * are subject to change by Article 4 and other salary changes.*

	<u>1980-81 Expenditures</u>	<u>1981-82 Appropriated</u>	<u>Recommended 1982-83 Total</u>	<u>Recommended Over/ Under 1981-82 Appropriations</u>	<u>Per Cent Change</u>
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>					
0110 <u>Moderator</u>	60.	0	60.	+ 60.	NA
0120 <u>Board of Selectmen</u>	55,901.	54,364.	65,051.*	+ 10,687.	+ 19.7
<u>Selectmen's Salaries</u>			1,300.		
<u>Other Salaries/Wages</u>			54,155.*		
<u>Expenses</u>			9,596.		
0130 <u>Copy Machine</u>	0	5,000.	2,800.	- 2,200.	- 44.0
0141 <u>Town Accountant</u>	47,321.	47,701.	52,998.*	+ 5,297.	+ 11.1
<u>Salaries/Wages</u>			48,954.*		
<u>Expenses</u>			4,044.		
0142 <u>Treasurer/Collector</u>	121,258.	114,248.	111,244.*	- 3,004.	- 2.6
<u>Treasurer/Collector Salary</u>			27,822.*		
<u>Other Salaries/Wages</u>			56,354.*		
<u>Tax Titles</u>			5,360.		
<u>Expenses</u>			21,708.		
0143 <u>Board of Assessors</u>	52,245.	46,025.	50,060.	+ 4,035.	+ 8.8
<u>Assessor's Salaries</u>			6,200.		
<u>Other Salaries/Wages</u>			30,585.		
<u>Expenses</u>			13,275.		

	1980-81 Expenditures	1981-82 Appropriated	Recommended 1982-83 Total Detail	Recommended Over/ Under 1981-82 Appropriations	Per Cent Change
0144 <u>Warrant Committee</u>	270.	200.	200.	0	0
0145 <u>Town Clerk</u> Town Clerk Salary Other Salaries/Wages Expenses	28,787.	30,684.	32,691.* 16,853.* 13,658. 2,180.	+ 2,007.	+ 6.5
0146 <u>Law</u>	20,904.	23,000.	22,000.	- 1,000.	- 4.3
0160 <u>Elections, Registra.</u> Salaries/Wages Expenses	39,392.	30,223.	41,791.* 23,006.* 18,785.	+ 11,568.	+ 38.3
0170 <u>Sign Committee</u>	0	0	50.	+ 50.	NA
0171 <u>Planning Board</u>	13,564.	8,600.	4,500.	- 4,100.	- 47.7
0173 <u>Personnel Board</u>	4,100.	2,500.	2,000.	- 500.	- 20.0
0174 <u>Board of Appeal</u>	1,740.	1,800.	1,800.	0	0
1065 <u>Council for the Aging</u>	800.	17,251.	18,150.	+ 899.	+ 5.2
1074 <u>Conservation Comm.</u>	600.	600.	600.	0	0
<u>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	386,882.	382,196.	405,945.	+ 23,749.	+ 6.3
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>					
0210 <u>Police Department</u> Salaries/Wages	655,762.	707,917.	729,708.	+ 21,791.	+ 3.1
			646,926.		

	1980-81 Expenditures	1981-82 Appropriated	Recommended Total	1982-83 Detail	Recommended Over/ Under 1981-82 Appropriation	Per Cent Change
Expenses				82,782.		
0220 <u>Fire Department</u> Salaries/Wages Expenses	432,372.	456,547.	462,034.*	417,967.* 44,067.	+ 5,487.	+ 1.2
0230 <u>Ambulance</u> Revenue Receipt Acct.	16,498.	17,404.	17,404.	26,179. - 8,775.	0	0
0250 <u>Sealer of Weights</u>	1,148.	1,148.	1,216.		+ 68.	+ 5.9
0260 <u>Dog Officer</u>	11,777.	13,077.	13,077.		0	0
0270 <u>Civil Defense</u>	4,901.	4,260.	3,111.		- 1,149.	- 27.0
<u>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</u>	1,122,458.	1,200,353.	1,226,550.		+ 26,197.	+ 2.2
<u>HEALTH</u>						
0310 <u>Dept. Public Health</u> Salaries/Wages Garbage Collection Expenses	132,159.	126,620.	119,050.*	15,215.* 47,200. 56,635.	- 7,570.	- 6.0
0330 <u>Inspector of Animals</u>	1,000.	1,000.	1,000.		0	0
<u>TOTAL HEALTH</u>	133,159.	127,620.	120,050.		- 7,570.	- 5.9
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>						

	1980-81 Expenditures	1981-82 Appropriated	Recommended Total	1982-83 Detail	Recommended Over/ Under 1981-82 Appropriations	Per Cent Change
0400 Dept. Public Works	1,059,205.	836,088.	833,888.*	553,371.*	- 2,200.	- 0.3
Salaries/Wages				19,487.		
Administration				38,540.		
Gasoline/Diesel				5,000.		
Sanitary Landfill				50,000.		
Highway Maintenance				24,350.		
Snow/Ice Control				20,500.		
Traffic Control				45,600.		
Road Machinery				77,040.		
Facilities Maintenance						
Engineering & Inspection }						
4490 Street Lighting	189,356.	204,930.	244,890.		+ 39,960.	+ 19.5
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	1,248,561.	1,041,018.	1,078,778.		+ 37,760.	+ 3.6
RECREATION						
0800 Parks/Rec./Comm.Cntr.	197,288.	164,014.	164,452.*	120,795.*	+ 438.	+ 0.3
Salaries/Wages				43,658.		
Expenses						
UNCLASSIFIED						
0520 Veterans' Services	11,447.	17,000.	14,150.		- 2,850.	- 16.8
1020 Town Reports	6,421.	6,700.	7,000.		+ 300.	+ 4.5
1030 Community Celebrations	9,228.	690.	750.		+ 60.	+ 8.7

	<u>1980-81 Expenditures</u>	<u>1981-82 Appropriated</u>	<u>Recommended 1982-83 Total Detail</u>	<u>Recommended Over/ Under 1981-82 Appropriations</u>	<u>Per Cent Change</u>
1040 Insurance	365,591.	345,350.	398,643.	+ 53,293.	+ 15.4
1220 Veterans' Graves	386.	400.	450.	+ 50.	+ 12.5
1064 Development/Indus. Comm.	4,900.	2,600.	2,000.	- 600.	- 23.1
1800 Reserve Fund	100,000.	150,000.	150,000.	0	0
<u>TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED</u>	497,373.	522,740.	572,993.	+ 50,203.	+ 9.6
0710 Public Library	179,010.	171,753.	176,653.*	+ 4,900.	+ 2.9
Salaries/Wages			113,211.*		
Expenses			63,442.		
County Reimbursement	- 1,753.	- 2,060.	- 2,000. (Estimate)		
State Aid	- 6,800.	- 6,800.	- 6,800. (Estimate)		
<u>TOTAL PUBLIC LIBRARY</u>	170,457.	162,893.	167,853.	+ 4,960.	+ 3.1
<u>EDUCATION</u>					
0620 Vocational Tuition	6,058.	4,250.	6,750.	+ 2,500.	+ 58.8
0630 Schools	7,377,000.	6,944,758.	6,923,812.	- 20,946.	- 0.3
0630 Regional Voc./Tech.	121,432.	104,916.	101,000. (Estimate)	- 3,916.	- 3.7
<u>TOTAL EDUCATION</u>	7,504,490.	7,053,924.	7,031,562.	- 22,362.	- 0.3

	<u>1981-82 Expenditures</u>	<u>1981-82 Appropriated</u>	<u>Recommended 1982-83 Total</u>	<u>Recommended Over/ Under 1981-82 Appropriations</u>	<u>Per Cent Change</u>
<u>PENSIONS</u>					
1580 <u>Norfolk Cnty. Retire.</u>	262,909.	311,007.	338,000.	+ 26,993.	+ 8.7
1581 <u>Veterans' Pensions</u>	6,700.	7,000.	7,000.	0	0
<u>TOTAL PENSIONS</u>	269,609.	318,007.	345,000.	+ 26,993.	+ 8.5
<u>INTEREST AND DEBT</u>					
1300 <u>Interest</u>	356,059.	340,849.	294,031.	- 46,818.	- 13.7
1410 <u>Maturing Debt</u>	500,000.	495,000.	435,000.	- 60,000.	- 12.1
<u>TOTAL INTEREST AND DEBT</u>	856,059.	835,849.	729,031.	- 106,818.	- 12.8
<u>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</u>	12,386,336.	11,808,614.	11,842,214.	+ 33,600.	+ 0.28
Railroad Parking Lot Operations			35,103.	NA	NA
Water Division		597,039.	582,480.	- 14,559.	- 2.4

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